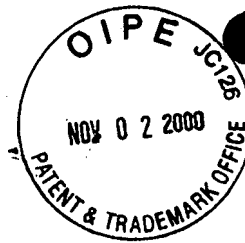


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000, the three month statutory response to which is set to expire on December 13, 2000, the following remarks are offered.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of September 13, 2000, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully traverses the grounds of rejection on the basis

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